

Unsettled and somewhat warmer to-day, probably showers. Temperatures yesterday—Maximum, 71; minimum, 64.

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CAUCUS REFUSES TO RECEDE FROM WARSHIP STAND

House Majority Disregards the Leaders' Wishes and Party's Platform by Their Action.

TURN DOWN COMPROMISE

Pique Over Failure to Get "Pork Barrel" Buildings Bill a Factor.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.
A majority of the Democrats of the House last night refused to recede from the previous caucus action of the majority, which bound them to deny any appropriation for battleship construction this year.

Disregarding the wishes of the leaders of the party in the House, ignoring, in effect, the new Democratic platform and the generally understood desires of the party's nominee, Gov. Wilson, and applying the "steam roller" to the man who has been most directly responsible for the execution of the present Democratic House, a small majority refused to consent to a compromise with the Senate by which the naval bill for 1913 would carry appropriation for one new battleship.

The vote was 72 to 60. The test came on a resolution offered by Representative Padgett of Tennessee, chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs. Padgett's resolution authorized the construction of one battleship.

Leaves Democrats Split.
The caucus action last night leaves the Democratic majority badly split on the question, pushes still farther back the probable date of adjournment, and may have an appreciable effect upon the party's prospects in November.

It is not a nice card to make in the face of the record made by the Democrats this session, but the fact remains that the action was dictated by pique rather than by thoughtful, public-spirited consideration. A large number of the members who voted against any addition to the battleship fleet were actuated by a feeling of pique over the fact that they were denied a "pork barrel" public building bill. Representative Burnett of Alabama organized and led the fight. Mr. Burnett pushed through the first caucus resolution, which provided that unless an adequate public building bill carrying appropriations for 1913, he allowed, no money should be appropriated for new battleships this session.

Result of Disappointment.
The refusal to allow the two "pork barrel" bills, the public buildings, and a huge rivers and harbors, was the logical outgrowth of the Democratic caucus programme. The caucus action is the logical outgrowth of the caucus, self-centered disappointment on the part of certain members, who felt that the action of Uncle Sam's treasury to return them to Congress. Many members, who voted to uphold the action of the first caucus, conscientiously oppose an extension of our naval programme, but the men who held the balance of power were those who wanted public buildings in their district badly enough to consent, though their vote, their inability to procure such buildings.

Speaker Champ Clark, who opposes a navy, voted with Mr. Burnett and his followers last night. Oscar W. Underwood, the leader of the Democratic majority, favored a compromise with the Senate on one battleship. Chairman Fitzgerald of the Appropriations Committee, who supported the one battleship programme. Practically all the leaders of the majority were with Chairman Padgett in the fight. Representative Rogers of New York, and Brandard of Louisiana, offered resolutions releasing the majority from the previous action of the caucus.

FORTY REPORTED KILLED IN FLOOD PENNSYLVANIA

Thousands Marooned and Hundreds Made Homeless by Swirling Waters.

COKE REGIONS SUFFER MOST

Uniontown and Jeannette Bear Brunt of Damage—Millions in Property Lost.

Uniontown, Pa., July 24.—Bringing death to probably forty persons and doing a property damage of more than \$1,000,000, a terrific rainstorm and flood swept this section of Pennsylvania today. The homes of fourteen miners have floated to the surface of the wreckage, while twenty-six others are known to have been underground. Their death is practically a certainty, as they were trapped without a chance to escape.

Twenty thousand persons, residents of the valley beneath the Cold Springs reservoir, the largest in Fayette County, are fleeing from their homes, fearing a repetition of the Austin disaster. Water is seeping from the Cold Springs dam, and it is feared that it will not be able to hold the enormous torrent of water which poured into the reservoir during the day.

Dunbar is under twenty-five feet of water in some places, and the majority of the buildings in the place have been swept away.

Fears for Mining Towns.
Fears are also felt for the safety of Mount Braddock, Lemaist, Youngstown, and other mining and coke settlements in the flood section. The tracks of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio Railroad companies and the West Pennsylvania trolley line have been swept away for many miles, and telegraph and telephone wires are down.

Heavy rains all day sent the mountain streams on a rampage. The creeks are overflowing and the water began rushing into the Super mine in two places. Forty miners were at work when the water began flowing in and the men were driven backward and prevented from getting to the surface. The report that the mine was flooding spread rapidly and the wives and families of miners began flocking to the mouth of the pit. Despite the danger of being caught in the swirling waters and drawn into the open shaft they crowded about the pit mouth and prayed for rescue. Fourteen bodies floated on.

At Dunbar, debris piled against the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge, and the water behind it rose until its depth was estimated at from 20 to 25 feet.

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD.



T. R.—"I wonder who the other six are?"

WILL PIT BRYAN AGAINST COLONEL

Commoner Will Trail Bull Moose in Campaign Speaking.

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WILL TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

Seagr, N. J., July 24.—Plans for the Wilson campaign for the Presidency are slowly crystallizing. It is learned here that the Col. Roosevelt, because they regard him as their most dangerous adversary, William J. Bryan is to be used to offset Mr. Roosevelt. The plan is to have Mr. Bryan follow the Bull Moose as closely as possible through the country and to meet his arguments with gravity and facts. It is intended that Bryan shall keep as close to Roosevelt as possible, following him a day after into every city he visits and talking wherever possible to practically the same audience.

Mr. Bryan will not merely take a defensive attitude, he will assume the offensive and hurl at Roosevelt pertinent questions about the Harvester Trust, the Steel Trust, and the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company. Also he will assail him on his record in the White House.

An invitation has been extended to Mr. Bryan to visit Gov. Wilson at the "Little White House" about the middle of August, immediately after the Governor has delivered his speech of acceptance. Bryan is to be a special guest in the sense that he is to be asked to remain here two or three days to go over with the Governor the details of the campaign.

It is known here that Gov. Wilson is anxious that Bryan shall give his campaign the benefit of his wide experience, for, as Gov. Wilson himself says, "I have never had any experience in a national campaign." As the situation stands at present, Gov. Wilson has placed in command of his campaign forces two young men, McCormack and McAdoo, experienced in business, but utterly lacking in political training.

Will Use "Battle Bob".
To be sure, Chairman McCormack handled Gov. Wilson's pre-convention campaign for the nomination with much skill, but to intrust a national campaign entirely to him is beyond the wishes of the Governor and his friends. Mr. Bryan will, therefore, be urged to keep his hand on the lever.

PINT OF NEW BLOOD FAILS TO STRENGTHEN WOMAN HUSBAND SHOT

Hartford, Conn., July 24.—Though more than a pint of blood was transfused into her veins at St. Francis Hospital this evening, Mrs. Carmela Amato, who was shot by her husband, was later reported as dying of hemorrhages.

Her husband, Joseph Amato, who killed his neighbor, John Wilson, and then shot Mrs. Amato, has not been captured, and the police believe he has made his way out of Connecticut to New York City. The triple shooting was the result of an argument which culminated in a long-standing feud that began when Tassoni accused Amato of abducting Mrs. Tassoni to take a trip to Providence.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN CONTINUES TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITION

Tokyo, July 25.—Official bulletins issued on the condition of Emperor Mutsuhito continue reassuring. A late bulletin last night created alarm and the prince was summoned to the palace at 2 o'clock this morning, but the crisis passed safely.

LEWIS CONTROVERSY GROWING BITTER

Attorney General Wickersham to Appeal in Person for Colored Lawyer.
Attorney General Wickersham, it is known yesterday, will go to Milwaukee to make a personal plea for the retention in the American Bar Association of Assistant Attorney General William H. Lewis, of Boston, who is colored, and it is refused to admit Lewis to membership will forthwith tender his resignation. The question promises to cause a lively battle at the annual convention of the association, which is to be held at Milwaukee.

Some of the most prominent lawyers of New York City have promised their support of him in his fight for Lewis. The question of the retention of Lewis is expected to overshadow all other matters at the convention. Lewis was invited to join the Association by the New England committee. He paid his dues and legally became a member. The executive committee later revoked his membership when it was learned that he was a negro.

The question will come before the convention in the form of a motion to ratify the action of the executive committee. Mr. Wickersham's contention is that Lewis was legally elected a member, there being no disqualification under the association's by-laws. Lewis would have been turned out and the Attorney General is championing his cause on that ground.

HURTTLES SEVEN FLOORS TO GROUND

Mrs. Florence Massey Falls from Apartment Window to Acreway—Not Fatally Hurt.

BROKEN LEG AND SEVERE SHOCK

Leaping through her boudoir window to pin a kerchief on the cloth cover of an awning, Mrs. Florence Massey, twenty-six years old, wife of James G. Massey, a clerk in the Interior Department, lost her balance when her foot slipped on the polished surface of the parquetry floor of the archedway and plunged from the seventh floor of the New Bern apartments, Twelfth Street and Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, to the basement of a rear alleyway, eighty feet below, sustaining a broken leg and severe shock.

Turning several somersaults in the plunge and trying to grasp a life chain running from a pulley at the top of the building to the ground, Mrs. Massey narrowly escaped striking her escape balconies and awning apparatus on each floor, and landed on the concrete bottom of the archedway in a sitting posture, crushing her right hip and ankle were dislocated, and probably injuring herself internally.

FIANCE THINKS GIRL MURDERED.

When found, Mrs. Massey was unconscious and sitting with her back against the side of the building, her head drooping forward on her bosom and her hands crossed in her lap. Rescuing consciousness while being carried through the basement to the elevator, Mrs. Massey told her bearers the number of her apartment, asked that her baby be brought to her, and lapsed into silence.

Dr. Neal Graham and Dr. Charles Whittier, who have offices in the New Bern, reached Mrs. Massey in a few minutes, believe she will live. They were unable to discover symptoms of a fatal injury. Their examination revealed that her right hip and ankle were dislocated and that the right leg was fractured between the hip and knee.

BELIEVE MISSING GIRL HAS GONE WITH PHYSICIAN

Mount Vernon Nurse Still Being Sought and Limer to Be Searched.

REWARD IS OFFERED

Clew that Miss Snodgrass Was Seen in New York Proves Disappointing.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., July 24.—Despite the fact that relatives of Miss Dorcas Ijames Snodgrass insist that the girl, who has been missing for a week, did not elope with Dr. Norman Schmidt on board the President Lincoln, cablegrams will be sent to the authorities of foreign ports to search the vessel to-morrow when she arrives at Plymouth.

Eljah K. Snodgrass, a wealthy farmer of Berryville, Va., and brother of the missing girl, has offered a reward of \$500 for evidence which shall lead to her discovery. He declares that he will extend the search to the most remote parts of the world until he finds his sister, who he believes is being held a prisoner against her will. His instincts that she is not dead, but police officers along the water front have been ordered to keep a sharp lookout for her body.

Several false clues have been received by the police, one of them being a letter from a woman in Manhattan. This letter states that the writer saw Miss Snodgrass involved in a heated argument with two men, on a Broadway car, and that the three rode from Twenty-third Street to 123rd Street, where they disappeared in a crowd. Police Lieut. Silverstein followed this clue, but could not find anything to show that the girl seen actually was the missing nurse.

The police theory of a possible elopement was emphasized by Lieut. Silverstein because of the strange fact that Miss Snodgrass had been able to live in New York for four days and apparently do shopping on the 10 which was all the money she had when she left her sister's home. In this belief Mrs. Crider and the young woman's mother, F. Edgar Schmidt, an electrical contractor in Mount Vernon, do not concur.

After busying themselves all day yesterday in running down the clue as to a possible elopement, the police were suggested by the fact that Dr. Schmidt is at the Mount Vernon Hospital, in whose training school Miss Snodgrass had been learning to become a nurse, called last Thursday on the President Lincoln, of the Hamburg-American Line, for Finland, the police said this morning that it was not certain whether or not Miss Snodgrass had gone with the medical man. The doctor's name on the list appeared alone.

The fact that Miss Snodgrass was an impulsive girl in spite of her quiet ways and dignity is admitted by Mrs. Crider, and has encouraged the police to look upon the case as an elopement. She had come engaged three months ago to Mr. Schmidt.

Schmidt says there was no quarrel between him and his fiancée. "She gave me no hint that she was going away. I called her up on Tuesday night, the day before she went to New York, and she then said she would be home Wednesday night, and suggested that I come to see her."

WHITMAN ORDERS THE ARREST OF MURDER WITNESS

Gang Terrorism Shows Itself in Hearing Before Coroner in Rosenthal Case.

WATER BECOMES "GLAM"

Little New Is Learned During Twenty-four Hours of New York's Big Murder Mystery.

New York, July 24.—The first outward evidence of the effect of gang terrorism on witnesses of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, gambler, was seen to-day. As a result John Reiser, familiarly known as "John the Barber," is under arrest, charged with perjury.

Reiser was called as a witness before Coroner Follenberg at the preliminary examination of Sam Paul and "Bridge" Webber, who are alleged to have been leaders in the movement to silence Rosenthal when he threatened to expose the connection between the police and the gamblers. Before the hearing Reiser testified in the presence of District Attorney Whitman and Assistant Prosecutor Moss that he saw Webber running away from the Metropole just at the moment the crime was committed. In the coroner's office, however, when Reiser took a look at Webber and Paul and the small army who had managed to get tickets admitting them to the hearing, he seemed struck with terror and immediately began to deny the damaging testimony he had previously given concerning the accused men.

Reiser began by saying that he was in front of the Cadillac Hotel in West Fifty-third Street just at the time of the murder and that he had seen Louis "Bridge" Webber, but was not sure that Webber was running, as he had previously told Mr. Whitman. He was not positive that he had even seen Webber. "Did you not say that you were afraid to testify in this case and that you were afraid they would take your life?" "No, I said that I did not wish to get mixed up in it."

Orders Reiser's Arrest.
"John the Barber" was perspiring and frightened within an inch of his life. Assistant District Attorney Moss then testified to the story Reiser had told yesterday to the District Attorney and himself. Reiser was then questioned by H. T. Marshall, counsel for Webber. The witness seemed more terrified than ever, and to each question replied: "I think so, but in all the excitement I am not sure." As he left the stand the District Attorney ordered his arrest for perjury. Stern previously of Webber was continued until Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and Paul's hearing went over for forty-eight hours. Admittance to the hearing was by tickets, while lawyers and newspaper men who had legitimate business at the hearing were shut out. Two gamblers were arrested on leaving the hearing charged with carrying pistols.

Water Changes Evidence.
The power of the fear of the big men of the tenderness was again shown when Herman Stern, waiter at the Lafayette baths, denied that Jack Rose, "Bridge" Webber, and Sam Paul breakfasted at the baths on the morning after the murder. Stern previously declared that he had waited on these men at this breakfast and even gave a list of the dishes they ordered.

District Attorney Whitman, however, confirmed the story that Jack Rose and his associates did partake of a "murder breakfast" at the baths a few hours after the assassination of Rosenthal.

Affidavits have been obtained from rubbers and other employees of the bath establishment which completely shattered the alibi of Jack Rose, Sam Paul, Bridge Webber, and Harry Valon, all of whom were arrested for the crime, but who persistently insist that they are innocent.

Otto Avert, chauffeur for Broker Sternberg's car, which Lieut. Charles Becker used the night of the Rosenthal assassination, was again called before the coroner.



DORCAS IJAMES SNODGRASS.